

followers should agree to permit the United States to pass through the Gulf of Mexico without any interference from him, the constitutionalists would be crushed.

EMBARGO ON ARMS.

The President is considering this eventuality. While no order has been issued withdrawing the permit for the exportation of arms, Congress will be told how things look and its advice will be asked.

It is expected that Congress will suggest that the present border patrol be made ironclad, that all arms be held up, and no further shipments permitted to enter Mexico where they might possibly be used against American troops.

Secretary of State Bryan communicated to the various diplomatic representatives here this afternoon the fact that Huerta has received an ultimatum with a time limit attached. He has arranged to keep in constant touch with the various ambassadors and ministers and inform them of the developments from time to time.

The Secretary refused to make public the text or the general substance either of O'Shaughnessy's reply from Huerta or the United States' reply other than to confirm that the first was a reiteration of the simultaneous salute demand and that the second was the sharpest he has yet sent.

The Secretary explained that the Sunday 6 o'clock limit does not mean that the salute must be fired before that time. It means, he explained, that Huerta has been given until Sunday at 2 p. m., City of Mexico time, to agree to Admiral Mayo's demand concerning the salute.

COLLIER A TRANSPORT.

One indication of the imminence of conflict was shown by the routine announcement from the Navy Department that the big naval collier Jupiter would be pressed into service to convey marines from the Mare Island, Cal., navy yard to the Pacific fleet rendezvous at San Diego. This was an unusual procedure, as the navy colliers are not fitted as transports. It indicated the immediate need of getting marines within striking distance of the Mexican Pacific coast. The movement of the warships continued on schedule, and it was generally believed that Badger's fleet will receive word to increase its speed as much as possible.

The significant fact was also noted that shortly after Secretary Bryan returned to his office from the White House he sent for Rear Admiral Victor Blue, Acting Secretary of the Navy in Daniel's absence in Cleveland today. It was assumed the two talked over naval preparedness.

Big Army Available On Few Hours' Notice

A militia force of 120,000 men is available on a few hours' notice for use in Mexico. It cannot be sent across the border without the men re-enlisting in a volunteer army. All that is necessary is an order from President Wilson calling the guard out for service. The men could be transported to the border, there re-inlisted, and then sent across as an expeditionary force.

practically all preparations have been made looking to the actual orders calling the guard into service. In General Mills' office today were maps of the United States and Mexico. That of the United States was marked with small tags showing militia available at various points, transportation facilities, and the like. The one of Mexico showed the nature of the country, the railroad routes, and other military information. Senator Mills would not indicate which States were likely to be called on first, in the event that the militia are ordered for service. He said that in a number of States the militia forces are not at the highest point of efficiency. It is assumed that New York, New Jersey, Ohio, and possibly Illinois, would likely be the first to be utilized—New York particularly, since the militia there is recognized as the best in the country.

U. S. AIR FLEET IS READY

Uncle Sam's aeroplane fleet is ready for any contingency. War Department officials admitted today that plans of the army war college contemplated wide utilization of this new arm of the service in case of hostilities in Mexico.

Within a very few hours the main flotilla of the aeroplane fleet can be dropping bombs and doing scout duty in northern Mexico, at least, because most of the Government machines are now concentrated at San Diego, Cal. So far, no steps have been taken to bring these aeroplanes and the aviators to border cities, or to seaports where they might be transported to Mexican ports.

Colonel Reber, of the Signal Corps, admitted that he has in hand full plans for an aeroplane invasion, but refused to outline what they contemplated.

Bryan Rushes News To Wilson on Links

A wild dash by automobile, eight miles into Virginia, to reach President Wilson on the golf links today preceded the most important council of the Mexican crisis.

Overlooking the historic Potomac, on a dusty road, the scarred hills of Virginia were the setting ground of the conference between the President, Secretary of State Bryan, and Secretary Tumulty.

At breakneck speed in one of the most powerful White House automobiles, Bryan and Tumulty had raced toward the Washington Suburban Club's golf course to acquaint the President with Huerta's latest quibble.

The President was playing his fourteenth hole on the picturesque links, in a scene of spring verdure and peace. He was interrupted by a Secret Service man, who told him an important message had been received from Huerta and would be brought to him in person by Bryan.

halted. Bryan's coat and familiar black soft hat were a reddish gray under their coat of crime. Secret Service men in the President's car were hastily transferred to Tumulty's, Bryan and Tumulty jumping in beside the President.

While the engines of the cars throbbed, ready for the return to Washington, Bryan and the President, with heads together, read the latest dispatch from Charge O'Shaughnessy. The reading was in grim silence. A few whispered words followed between the President and Bryan. Tumulty joined in the subdued council. Their faces reflected the gravity with which Huerta's demand was received.

President's Jaws Snapped.
Fire appeared to flash from the President's eyes. His jaws set firmly. "Go ahead!" was the order to the chauffeur.

Bouncing over the road, on the trip back to the White House, the ultimatum to Huerta was decided upon by the three in the President's car. It was reported that the President himself dictated much of the reply to be transmitted to O'Shaughnessy. The cavalcade of three cars, including that of the Secret Service men and Tumulty's automobile, sped with all haste to the White House. Bryan was dropped en route at the State Department. The President and Tumulty entered the White House Mansion. The message to Huerta—and to the world—followed.

**Bryan Cancels His Trip,
Sends Out for Lunch**

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Secretary of State Bryan announced that he had cancelled his reservations on a train which he had planned to take tonight for Miami, Fla. Bryan also sent out for his luncheon, not desiring to leave the building. He refused to discuss the subject of his conference with Acting Secretary of the Navy Blue.

CONGRESS APPROVES PRESIDENT'S COURSE

"We Have Monkeyed With Huerta Long Enough," Says Congressman Kline in Interview.

News of the President's final ultimatum to Huerta was received with general approval among members of Congress. Congressman Kline, who is today acting chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said:

"The President's action has my hearty endorsement. We have monkeyed with Mexico long enough. Nobody wants war or intervention, but the time has arrived when we must take firm action and I am glad that the President has notified Huerta that he must respect this nation."

Mr. Kline stated it if became necessary he would call together the Foreign Affairs Committee, but he thinks the situation is well in hand at the other end of the Avenue.

Senator J. Ham Lewis feels that the committee, is absent from the House today, owing to his marriage this afternoon, and Congressman Sharp of Ohio, second ranking Democrat, is also away, thus moving Mr. Kline up to the place of acting chairman.

Congressman Flood, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, said with reference to the probable action of Congress:

"I have no doubt Congress would follow closely the precedent which was established at the time of the outbreak of trouble over Cuba. A resolution will be presented giving the President full power to use the army and navy for the protection of the honor and interests of the country or for the purpose of intervention, if it is necessary to intervene. In such a case, the resolution is couched in language that grants the President most plenary powers. I believe a resolution of this kind would be passed by both houses without any opposition."

Wilson Summons Shively.

Senator Shively of Indiana, acting chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was sent for by President Wilson and was closeted with the Chief Executive for nearly an hour. He was very grave as he left the White House and went over to the State Department to talk with Secretary Bryan. "This whole thing is now in the President's hands," said Shively, "and I cannot say anything about the matter. I have seen Mr. O'Shaughnessy's message of this morning and the President's emphatic reply. Of course, I cannot tell you what was contained in those documents, but I am well satisfied that if the President reads them to Congress the people of the country will be satisfied that the national honor has been upheld."

Shively said that Congress leaders are prepared to arrange for a joint session on Monday just as soon as the President lets them know that one will be needed. He expressed the opinion that Congress would be a unit in its support

of every recommendation which the President may make. Commenting on the ultimatum to Huerta, Senator Hoke Smith said: "The President's action is highly satisfactory. This ought to bring the matter to a quick conclusion." Senator Cummins said: "If it is necessary for the President to communicate the facts to Congress, a resolution will undoubtedly be passed, and passed right away, giving him authority to use the land and naval forces." Senator Martin said: "I am glad of it. It is time to stop temporizing and dilly-dallying." Senator Sheppard, of Texas, said: "Good. I am glad of it. The American people will be absolutely united back of the President." Senator John Sharp Williams said: "The President has given Huerta ample time. I am sorry to see it come to this point. Huerta has done all he could to bring things to this pass, apparently to save his face in Mexico. The patience of the American people has its limit." Senator Southerland said: "Congress will doubtless pass a resolution granting authority to the President to use the land and naval forces." Senator Smoot said: "If no salute is fired, I have no question Congress will give the President authority to use the army and navy."

Pacific Coast Vessels Ordered to San Diego

The armored cruiser South Dakota today proceeded from Puget Sound, Washington, to San Diego. Orders to the South Dakota called for picking up marines at Bremerton and Mare Island, while the Jupiter was ordered to ship any remaining marines at Mare Island and sail also for San Diego.

The armored cruiser Albany, which was put in full commission yesterday at Puget Sound, was under orders today to stock up as rapidly as possible. It will be at San Diego by Sunday.

Between 200 and 300 marines will be aboard the two ships which today headed south on the Pacific coast.

THE WEATHER REPORT.
The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy and warmer tonight; Sunday unsettled. Maryland—Probably cloudy tonight; warmer in south and east portions; Sunday unsettled; moderate south winds.

Virginia—Fair tonight; warmer in south and west portions; Sunday increasing cloudiness; moderate south winds.

The temperature today as registered at the United States Weather Bureau and Affleck's:

U. S. BUREAU.	APFLECK'S.
8 a. m. 32	8 a. m. 34
9 a. m. 33	9 a. m. 35
10 a. m. 34	10 a. m. 36
11 a. m. 35	11 a. m. 37
12 noon 36	12 noon 38
1 p. m. 37	1 p. m. 39
2 p. m. 38	2 p. m. 40

TIDE TABLE.
High tide, 2:37 a. m. and 3:07 p. m.
Low tide, 9:12 a. m. and 9:48 p. m.

SUN TABLE.
Sun rises 5:19 Sun sets 6:29

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April-May	6.98	6.99	6.99½
May-June	6.97	6.97½	6.98½
June-July	6.96½	6.97	6.97½
July-August	6.97	6.97½	6.98
August-September	6.97	6.97½	6.98
September-October	6.97	6.97½	6.98
October-November	6.97	6.97½	6.98
November-December	6.97	6.97½	6.98
December-January	6.97	6.97½	6.98

MAYOR'S ASSAILANT DERIDES BAIL BOND

Held for Grand Jury Action. Sanitary Commission to Examine Him.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Arraigned before Magistrate Simms today on a charge of attempted murder, Michael P. Mahoney, who attempted to shoot Mayor John Purroy Mitchell yesterday and shot Corporation Counsel Frank L. Polk in the chin, was today held in \$5,000 bail for action by the grand jury on Tuesday.

When Assistant District Attorney Vidler asked that this bail be set Mahoney smiled in derision and said: "Why don't you make it a little bit higher?"

Police Commissioner Woods told of the shooting, when Mahoney approached the mayor's automobile as he was leaving the city hall yesterday for lunch with Woods, Polk, and Tax Commissioner Mullin.

"I reached the man before a second shot was fired," said Woods. "We fell together to the sidewalk, and Policeman Hume seized the revolver. The man said he wanted to shoot the mayor, but some one got in the way."

Woods said only the fact that Polk got in the way prevented the mayor being hit. Mahoney cross-examined the police commissioner.

Vidler said a commission would probably be appointed to examine the man as to his sanity. Mahoney was formally identified, his occupation given as a blacksmith. He is seventy-one years old. Since November 28, he said he had lived at 205 East Fifth street. Deputy Police Commissioner Rubin told of Mahoney's statement that he had visited the city hall Wednesday intending to kill Mitchell and of another trip there Thursday and finally the shooting yesterday.

The annual convention of the United States League of Local Building and Loan Associations will be held here on July 27, 28, and 29. Plans for the entertainment of the delegates were discussed last night by the Building Association Council of the District.

JACKIES AT DRILLS FOR WORK IN MEXICO

By LIEUT. CHARLES M. MAIGNE, U. S. A., Retired. (Staff Correspondent of The Washington Times.)

ABOARD U. S. S. ARKANSAS (BY WIRELESS TO ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.), April 18.—With sailing orders unchanged, the four dreadnoughts representing the vanguard of the Atlantic fleet, being dispatched to Tampico, continued their way southward today with the hopes of the officers and men that they may yet see action once the Mexican waters are reached, greatly buoyed.

Press reports were received on the Arkansas telling of the hitch in the Mexican salute agreement. Officially, however, no advice has been received concerning the Mexican situation. When the press dispatches were received of an agreement by Huerta to salute the flag, and these were followed by reports that the dictator had angered Washington by quibbling demands the men took a new interest in their drills.

The orders of the fleet remained unchanged, and the instructions to sail from Hampton Roads to Tampico at an 11½-knot speed are still unchanged. The battleships Louisiana and Michigan will join the fleet at Tampico on Wednesday. Much disappointment followed the announcement on board the flagship today that the Michigan had been so delayed that it would be impossible for her to reach Tampico with the other four ships.

Because of the heavy fog, the Michigan was delayed several hours in getting under way.



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